

**NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT PROPOSED AMENDMENTS
TO THE GEORGIA BOARD OF EXAMINERS OF PSYCHOLOGISTS
BOARD RULE CHAPTER 510-5, SUPPLEMENTAL CODE OF CONDUCT, RULE 510-5-11, REPORTING OF SANCTIONS AND NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS AND PARTIES:

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to the authority set forth below, the Georgia Board of Examiners of Psychologists (hereinafter "Board") proposes an amendment to Rule 510-5-11 Reporting of Sanctions (hereinafter "proposed rule amendment").

This notice, together with an exact copy of the proposed rule amendment and a synopsis of the proposed rule amendment, is being forwarded to all persons who have requested, in writing, that they be placed on a distribution list. A copy of this notice, an exact copy of the proposed rule amendment, and a synopsis of the proposed rule amendment may be reviewed during normal business hours of 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday, except official State holidays, at the Office of the Secretary of State, Professional Licensing Boards Division, 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia 31217. These documents will also be available for review on the Board website at www.sos.state.ga.us/plb/psych or by contacting the Board office at 478-207-2440.

A public hearing is scheduled to begin at **12:45 p.m., Friday, September 21, 2012**, in the Office of the Secretary of State, Professional Licensing Boards Division, 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia 31217 to provide the public an opportunity to comment upon and provide input into the proposed rule amendment.

At the public hearing anyone may present data, make a statement, comment or offer a viewpoint or argument whether orally or in writing. Lengthy statements or statements of a considerable technical or economic nature, as well as previously recorded messages, must be submitted for the official record. Oral statements should be concise and will be limited to five (5) minutes per person. Written comments are welcomed. Such written comments must be legible and signed, should contain contact information from the maker (address, telephone number and/or facsimile number, etc.) and be actually received in the office prior to the close of business (5:00 p.m. EDT) on **Friday, September 14, 2012**. Written comments should be addressed to Lisa W. Durden, Director, Secretary of State, Professional Licensing Boards Division, Georgia Board of Examiners of Psychologists, 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia 31217; Fax (866) 888-7127.

The Board will consider the proposed rule amendment for adoption at its meeting scheduled to begin at **12:50 p.m., Friday, September 21, 2012** at the Georgia Secretary of State, Professional Licensing Boards Division, 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia 31217. According to the Department of Law, State of Georgia, the Board has the authority to adopt the proposed rule amendments to 510-5-11 pursuant to authority contained in O.C.G.A. §§ 43-1-19, 43-1-24, 43-1-25, 43-39-5, 43-39-6, 43-39-13 AND 50-13-3.

At its meeting Friday, July 27, 2012, the Board voted that the formulation and adoption of this rule does not impose excessive regulatory cost on any licensee and any cost to comply with the proposed rule cannot be reduced by a less expensive alternative that fully accomplishes the

objectives of O.C.G.A. §§ 43-1-19, 43-1-24, 43-1-25, 43-39-5, 43-39-6, 43-39-13 AND 50-13-3.

Additionally, at its meeting Friday, July 27, 2012, the Board voted that it is not legal or feasible to meet the objectives of O.C.G.A. §§ 43-1-19, 43-1-24, 43-1-25, 43-39-5, 43-39-6, 43-39-13 AND 50-13-3 to adopt or implement differing actions for businesses as listed in O.C.G.A. § 50-13-4(3)(A), (B), (C), and (D). The formulation and adoption of these rules will impact every licensee in the same manner and each licensee is independently licensed in the field of Psychology.

For further information, contact the Board office at (478) 207-2440.

This notice is given in compliance with Section 4(a)(1) of the Georgia Administrative Procedures Act (O.C.G.A. §50-13-4).

This 2nd day of August, 2012

Lisa W. Durden
Director
Professional Licensing Boards

Posted: August 2, 2012

**SYNOPSIS OF PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE GEORGIA BOARD OF EXAMINERS
OF PSYCHOLOGISTS BOARD RULE CHAPTER 510-5, SUPPLEMENTAL CODE OF
CONDUCT, RULE 510-5-11, REPORTING OF SANCTIONS**

Purpose: The purpose of this rule amendment is clarify the rule language to reflect Board's intent to receive reports of all sanctions or disciplinary actions

Main Features: The amended rule removes the restrictive language "licensing" with regard to the actual intent of the Board rule on reporting of sanctions.

**DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THE EXISTING RULE AND THE PROPOSED
AMENDMENTS TO THE GEORGIA BOARD OF EXAMINERS OF PSYCHOLOGISTS
BOARD RULE CHAPTER 510-5, SUPPLEMENTAL CODE OF CONDUCT, RULE 510-
5-11, REPORTING OF SANCTIONS**

[Note: underlined text is proposed to be added; lined-through text is proposed to be deleted.]

510-5-.11 Reporting of Sanctions.

A Psychologist shall report within thirty (30) days to the Board:

- (a) Any sanctions or disciplinary actions by any other lawful ~~licensing~~ authorities.
- (b) Any voluntary surrender of his/her license to practice psychology in another state.

Authority: O.C.G.A. §§ 43-1-19, 43-1-24, 43-1-25, 43-39-5, 43-39-6, 43-39-13 AND 50-13-3